

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: HONDA et al.
Serial No.: Unassigned
Filed: July 25, 2003
For: IMAGE DATA COMPRESSION OR EXPANSION METHOD
AND APPARATUS, AND IMAGE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
AND MONITORING SYSTEM USING THE METHOD AND
DEVICE
Group: Unassigned
Examiner: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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July 25, 2003

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of 10/086,711, filed March 4, 2002, which in turn is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/289,937, filed April 13, 1999. The disclosure of both applications is incorporated herein by reference.--